The terms and conditions of the Licences, *inter-alia*, provide that at least 10 per cent of the District Headquarters will be covered in the first year and 50 per cent of the District Headquarters will be covered within three years of effective date of licence. The licensees have also been permitted to cover any other town in a District in lieu of the District Headquarters. The choice of District Headquarters/towns to be covered and further expansion beyond 50 per cent District Headquarters/towns lies with the licensee companies depending on their business decision. For non-coverage of 50 per cent of District Headquarters within a period of three years, penalty is imposed on the Licensee Company. M/s Reliance Telecom have been levied such penalty for non-coverage of 50 per cent of District Headquarters within a period of three years of effective date of licence.

Members of TAC nominated for Bihar

†3095. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the separate details of the members nominated at State and district level in Telecom Advisory Committee in Bihar alongwith their names and addresses; and

(b) the criterion fixed for their nomination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Carry forward of unutilised calls

3096. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tariff in respect of marginal subscribers of telephone has been increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.